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The true story of

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A MOVIE
CLASSIC

JESSE JAMES



A Twentieth Century-Fox Production
Filmed in CinemaScope with
Color by De Luxe



Driven from their home . . .



the James Brothers . . .



hold up station masters . . .



and western banks . . .



living hunted in the hills . . .



until Jesse tries to reform . . .



but can't escape his past.

A CinemaScope Picture
**THE TRUE STORY OF
 JESSE JAMES**

Starring
ROBERT WAGNER JEFFREY HUNTER
HOPE LANGE

co-starring **AGNES MOOREHEAD**

Produced by
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COLOR BY DE LUXE

SCREENPLAY BY WALTER NEWMAN

Based on a Screenplay by Nunnally Johnson

20th Century-Fox

THE TRUE STORY OF JESSE JAMES

THE BANK ROBBERY AT NORTHFIELD
MINNESOTA! THE BEGINNING OF THE
END FOR THE INFAMOUS JAMES
GANG...



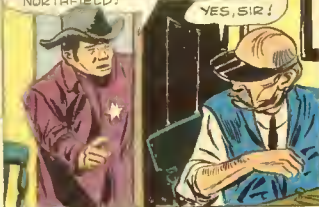
SHERIFF! SHERIFF HILLSTROM!
ONE OF THEM WAS CALLED JESSE!



THEN IT WAS THE JAMES GANG!
AND THEY'RE FOUR HUNDRED
MILES FROM THEIR OWN STAMPING
GROUNDS! IT'S THE CHANCE OF A
LIFETIME TO CATCH THEM!



QUICK! SEND A BULLETIN
TO EVERY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN THIS
TERRITORY! TELL THEM THE JAMES
GANG IS HEADING WEST FROM
NORTHFIELD!



ALL RIGHT! EVERYBODY WITH A
GOOD HORSE MOUNT UP! WE'RE
RIDING AFTER THOSE OUTLAWS
AND WE'RE NOT COMING BACK
TILL WE GET 'EM!



WE'RE SHOWING JESSE JAMES NO MERCY!
THIS IS THE END OF THE TRAIL FOR THAT
COLO-BLOODED KILLER!



BUT WAS JESSE THE HEART-
LESS OUTLAW THAT MANY
PEOPLE THOUGHT? OR WAS
HE RATHER A PAWN OF FATE,
A MAN MISUNDERSTOOD, A
VICTIM OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES
OF HIS TIME?



...LET'S GO BACK TO 1864,
EIGHTEEN YEARS BEFORE
THE NORTHFIELD ROBBERY.
JESSE, A MERE LAD OF
SIXTEEN, WORKS ON HIS
MOTHER'S FARM...

JESSE!
JESSE!
COME QUICK!



JESSE RUNS TO ANSWER THE ANGUISHED
CALL, TO FIND HIS MOTHER HELD BY A
BAND OF JAYHAWKERS, IRREGULAR
MILITIA FIGHTING FOR THE NORTH IN
THE CIVIL WAR...

TAKE YOUR DIRTY
HANDS OFF HER,
YOU HEAR? LET
HER GO!

HAW! HAW!
LOOK AT THE
BIG HERO!

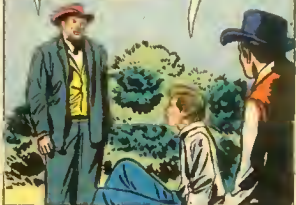


OOF!



NOW GET ON YOUR
FEET! MAYBE **YOU'LL**
TELL US WHAT WE
WANT TO KNOW!

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?



WHERE'S YOUR BROTHER, FRANK?
WE KNOW HE RODE WITH QUANTRILL'S
RAIDERS! WE'RE OUT TO GET HIM!

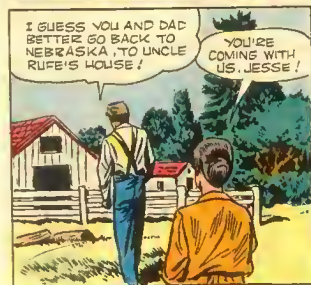
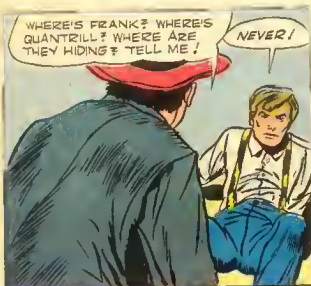
I-I DON'T KNOW!



NO? MAYBE **THIS** WILL
REFRESH YOUR MEMORY!

STOP!



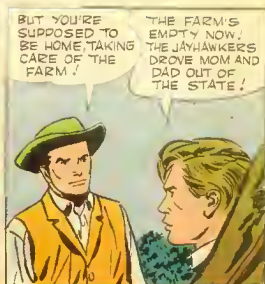




WHAT SEEMED TO BE THE START OF JESSE'S WILD RIDE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE LAW! ON THE NEXT DAY HE GALLOPED INTO QUANTRILL'S CAMP...

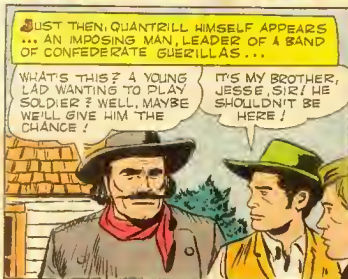
JESSE!
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?

I CAME TO JOIN
UP, FRANK!



BUT YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO
BE HOME, TAKING
CARE OF THE
FARM!

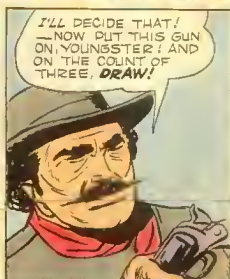
THE FARM'S
EMPTY NOW!
THE JAYHAWKERS
DROVE MOM AND
DAD OUT OF
THE STATE!



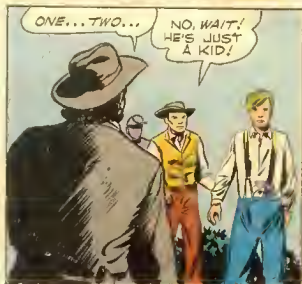
JUST THEN, QUANTRILL HIMSELF APPEARS
... AN IMPOSING MAN, LEADER OF A BAND
OF CONFEDERATE GUERRILLAS ...

WHAT'S THIS? A YOUNG
LAD WANTING TO PLAY
SOLDIER? WELL, MAYBE
WE'LL GIVE HIM THE
CHANCE!

IT'S MY BROTHER,
JESSE, SIR! HE
SHOULDN'T BE
HERE!



I'LL DECIDE THAT!
—NOW PUT THIS GUN
ON, YOUNGSTER! AND
ON THE COUNT OF
THREE, **DRAW!**



ONE... TWO...

NO, WAIT!
HE'S JUST
A KID!



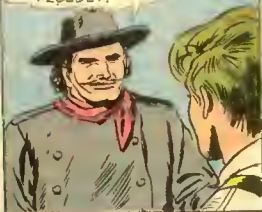
THREE!

BUT AS JESSE DRAWS . .



I LIKE YOUR COURAGE
JESSE ! I THINK YOU'LL
DO ! AND THAT'S YOUR
GUN NOW ! WEAR IT
PROUDLY !

I WILL
SIR !



AND SO, JESSE AND FRANK RODE WITH QUÄNTRILL'S
FOR MANY MONTHS AS THEY HARASSED
THE NORTHERN FORCES FROM EVERY SIDE, BUT
FINALLY, THE WAR ENDED IN DEFEAT FOR THE SOUTH
AND THE WEARY GUERRILLA BAND DISPERSED,
EACH GOING HIS OWN WAY . .

WEEKS LATER JESSE AND FRANK ARE HEADING
TOWARD THEIR UNCLE RUFUS'S FARM IN
NEBRASKA . .

I SEE THE FARM
UP AHEAD NOW.
JESS ! HOW DO
YOU FEEL ?

ALL RIGHT, I GUESS !
SURE BE GLAD TO
GET THERE, THOUGH !



FRANK !
FRANK—
AND JESSE !

WE'RE BACK
MA ! I'M ALL
RIGHT, BUT
JESSE'S BEEN
SHOT !



HOW'D IT
HAPPEN,
FRANK?

WELL, WE' HAD A RUN-IN
WITH NORTHERN SOLDIERS
A FEW DAYS AGO! LUCKY
TO GET AWAY WITH OUR
LIVES!



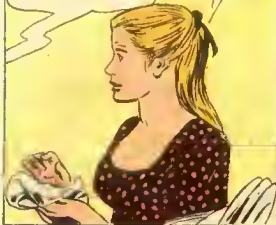
BUT THE WAR'S
BEEN OVER FOR
A MONTH NOW!

NOT FOR THE MEN
WHO RODE WITH
QUANTRILL! WE
TRIED TO SURRENDER,
BUT THE SOLDIERS
ONLY FIRED AT US!
THAT'S HOW I
GOT SHOT!



ZEE! JESSE AND
FRANK ARE BACK!
THEY'RE BACK!

OH, I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT!



AS THE DAYS GO BY, JESSE IS
BROUGHT BACK TO HEALTH... ZEE
SEES TO THAT PERSONALLY...

SOME MORE HOT SOUP
FOR YOU, JESSE! I
THINK IT'S DOING YOU
A LOT OF GOOD!

SEEING YOU
EVERY DAY
IS DOING ME
MORE GOOD
THAN ANY-
THING ELSE,
ZEE!



NOT MANY DAYS LATER...

SAY, WHAT'S
GOING ON HERE?

I'D LIKE TO MARRY ZEE.
SIR! AS YOU'VE BEEN
TAKING CARE OF HER
FOR SO LONG, I THINK IT'S
ONLY RIGHT WE GET YOUR
CONSENT!

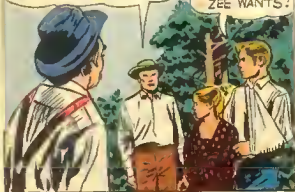


IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH ME, JESSE,
BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE
FAIRER TO ZEE IF YOU WENT
BACK TO YOUR FARM IN
MISSOURI FIRST! GET IT IN
SHAPE AND BRING IN A GOOD
CROP! THEN COME AND
GET ZEE!



UNCLE RUFUS IS RIGHT, JESS!
IF YOU FEEL UP TO RIDING,
WE'LL GO BACK WITH MA
AND DAD! THERE'LL BE A
LOT TO DO WHEN WE GET
BACK THERE!

WELL...
I SUPPOSE
THAT'S THE
RIGHT THING
TO DO... IF
THAT'S WHAT
ZEE WANTS!



AFTER A LONG ARDUOUS TRIP THE
SMALL FAMILY FINALLY SIGHTS THE
OLD HOMESTEAD IN MISSOURI...

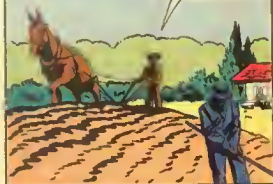
OH, IT LOOKS
SO RUN DOWN
AND NEGLECTED!

DON'T WORRY,
DEAR! WE'RE
GOING TO MAKE
IT LOOK JUST
LIKE IT ALWAYS
DID!



FROM THEN ON, THERE WAS ONLY
HARD WORK FROM MORNING
TILL NIGHT...

GEE-UP, THERE!
YA-A-A!



BUT THE TOIL PAID OFF IN A BOUNTIFUL
CROP AND A WARM, SECURE HOUSE...

IT'S JUST LIKE
THE OLD DAYS
NOW... LONG BE-
FORE THE WAR!

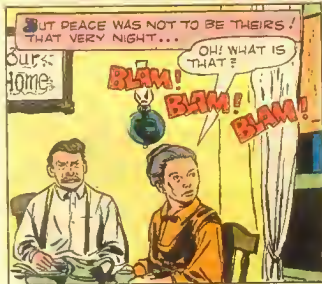
LET'S HOPE
NOTHING HAPPENS
TO DESTROY THIS
PEACE!



BUT PEACE WAS NOT TO BE THEIRS!
THAT VERY NIGHT...

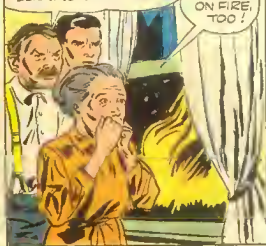
OH! WHAT IS
THAT?

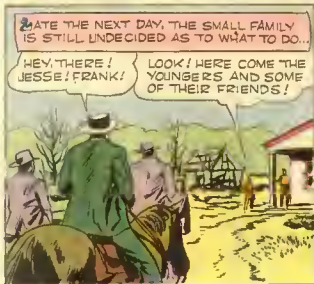
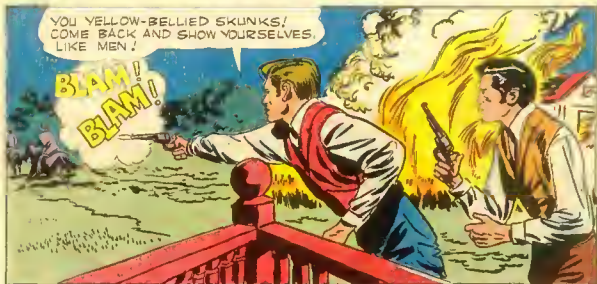
BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!



IT'S A RAID! THEY'RE
BURNING OUR CROPS!

THE
BARN'S
ON FIRE,
TOO!





WELL, WE'RE HEADING INTO TOWN FOR A LITTLE FUN! WHY DON'T YOU COME ALONG AND FORGET YOUR TROUBLES FOR A WHILE?

NO! WE'VE GOT A LOT TO DO AROUND HERE!

NOT FOR ME, FRANK! I'VE HAD MY FILL OF WORK FOR A WHILE! I'M GOING WITH THE YOUNGERS!

THAT'S THE SPIRIT, JESSE!

DON'T GO, JESSE!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, FRANK! HE'S YOUNG! WE'LL BE BACK!

SOME TIME LATER, AS JESSE RIDES WITH THE YOUNGERS, THEIR "FUN" GETS OUT OF HAND...

BLAM!

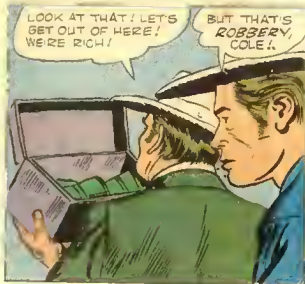
YAAH HOOO!

HEY! I WONDER WHAT'S INSIDE THE EXPRESS OFFICE!

EXPRESS OFFICE

LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY FORGOT TO PUT AWAY A STRONG BOX! MAYBE THERE'S MONEY IN IT, JESSE.

HOLD ON, COLE!

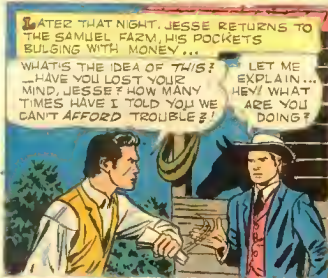


LOOK AT THAT! LET'S
GET OUT OF HERE!
WE'RE RICH!

BUT THAT'S
ROBBERY,
COLE!



SO WHAT? COME ON. LET'S GO
BEFORE SOMEONE FINDS US!



LATER THAT NIGHT, JESSE RETURNS TO
THE SAMUEL FARM, HIS POCKETS
BULGING WITH MONEY...

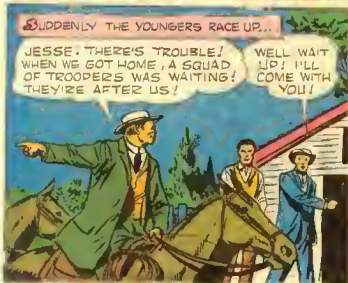
WHAT'S THE IDEA OF THIS?
—HAVE YOU LOST YOUR
MIND, JESSE? HOW MANY
TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU WE
CAN'T AFFORD TROUBLE?!

LET ME
EXPLAIN...
HEY! WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?



WE'RE TAKING
THIS MONEY
BACK! YOU'RE
GOING TO
APOLOGIZE
AND EXPLAIN!

WE WERE JUST
HAVING SOME
FUN! NOBODY
GOT HURT—
AND NOTHING'S
GOING TO
HAPPEN!



SUDDENLY THE YOUNGERS RACE UP...

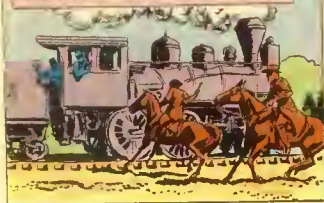
JESSE. THERE'S TROUBLE!
WHEN WE GOT HOME, A SQUAD
OF TROOPERS WAS WAITING!
THEY'RE AFTER US!

WE'LL WAIT
UP! I'LL
COME WITH
YOU!



IT WAS TO SEE JESSE
AND THE GANG FINALLY
OUTSIDE THE FEDERAL
TROOPERS. BUT SOMEHOW,
THIS SEEMED TO BE THE
START OF JESSE'S CAREER
OF ROBBERY AND KILLING...

HE FOUND HIMSELF ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE LAW AND IN THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED, LIVED UP TO HIS ROLE BY ROBBING TRAINS, BANKS AND EVEN LONE TRAVELERS...



ONE NIGHT JESSE AND THE GANG SHOWED UP OUTSIDE HIS UNCLE RUFUS'S HOUSE...

WAIT HERE, BOYS! I'M ON MY WAY TO ASK A GIRL TO BE MY WIFE!

GOOD LUCK!



PRESENTLY...

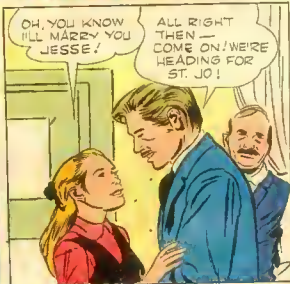
JESSE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE AT THIS HOUR?

I WANT TO ASK ZEE TO MARRY ME, RUFUS! I CAN AFFORD A WIFE NOW!



OH, YOU KNOW I'LL MARRY YOU JESSE!

ALL RIGHT THEN — COME ON! WE'RE HEADING FOR ST. JO!



HERE, RUFUS! THIS'LL HELP PAY YOU BACK A LITTLE FOR TAKING CARE OF ZEE ALL THIS TIME!

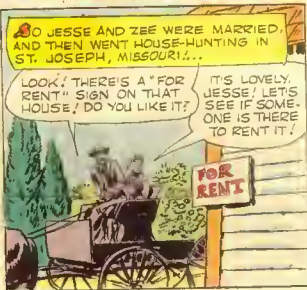
THANKS, JESSE!

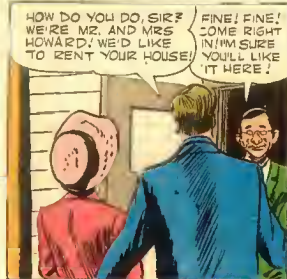


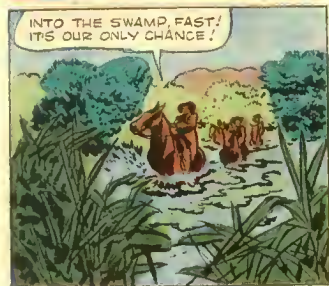
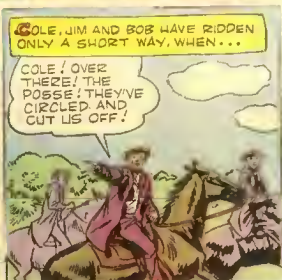
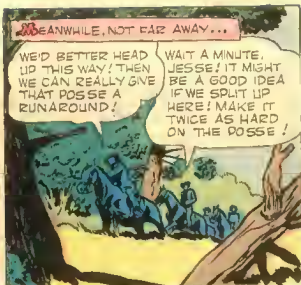
SO JESSE AND ZEE WERE MARRIED, AND THEN WENT HOUSE-HUNTING IN ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI...

LOOK! THERE'S A "FOR RENT" SIGN ON THAT HOUSE! DO YOU LIKE IT?

IT'S LOVELY, JESSE! LET'S SEE IF SOMEONE IS THERE TO RENT IT!







EASY, NOW!
SLOW... SLOW...



DUCK! THEY'RE HIDING IN
THAT THICK PATCH OF BRUSH!



COME OUT OF THERE WITH YOUR
HANDS UP, ALL OF YOU, OR WE'LL
CARRY YOU OUT! YOU'RE SURROUNDED!



WE KNOW WHEN WE'RE
LICKED, SHERIFF!
DON'T SHOOT!

WE
GIVE UP!



WHERE'S THE REST
OF THE GANG?
WHERE'D YOU
SPLIT UP?

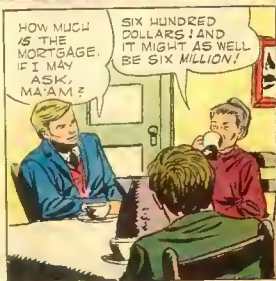
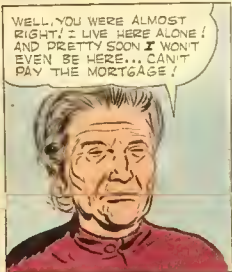
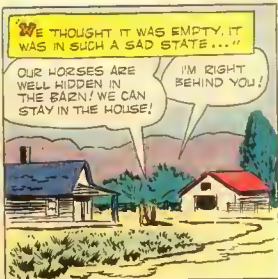
SORRY,
SHERIFF, I
JUST CAN'T
REMEMBER!



THIS IS YOUR CHANCE
TO TURN IN THE WORST
KILLER THE WEST HAS
EVER HAD! BETTER
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT!

OH, JESSE'S
NOT SO BAD.
SHERIFF! YOU
MIGHT EVEN
SAY HE IS KIND-
HEARTED
IN A WAY...





BY THE WAY,
WHEN DOES
THE OWNER
COME TO
COLLECT
HIS MONEY?

OH THE OLD SKINFLINT
SHOULD BE HERE!
TOMORROW OR THE NEXT
DAY!



"AND SO, WHEN THE OWNER CAME
AROUND TO COLLECT HIS MONEY,
JESSE AND I WAITED NEARBY IN
THE BUSHES..."

QUIET, COLE! HE WAS
TO PASS RIGHT BY HERE!



UP WITH YOUR HANDS,
YOU OLD VULTURE!

WHAT IS
THIS?



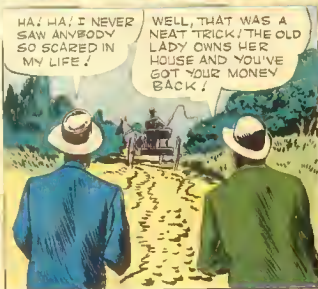
I'LL TAKE THIS. H-M-M!
A NICE TIDY SUM OF
SIX HUNDRED!

D. PLEASE -
D-DON'T
SH-SHOOT!



HA! HA! I NEVER
SAW ANYBODY
SO SCARED IN
MY LIFE!

WELL, THAT WAS A
NEAT TRICK! THE OLD
LADY OWNS HER
HOUSE AND YOU'VE
GOT YOUR MONEY
BACK!



SO YOU SEE,
SHERIFF, JESSE
JAMES HAD A
HEART!

BAH! WHAT'S
THAT BESIDE
OF ALL HIS
KILLINGS? TAKE
MY WORD, WE'RE
BRINGING JAMES
TO JUSTICE...
AND SOON!



MEANWHILE, AFTER SEPARATING FROM THE OTHERS, JESSE, FRANK AND BASSHAM SEEM TO BE MAKING THEIR ESCAPE...

WAIT UP, JESS! I'VE GOT A FEW THINGS ON MY MIND I'VE GOT TO HASH OUT!

WHAT IS IT, FRANK!



THE MORE I THINK ABOUT THIS WHOLE THING, THE LESS I LIKE IT! WHAT A WAY TO END UP, HUNTED LIKE ANIMALS!

GO ON! WHAT ELSE HAVE YOU GOT TO SAY?



PLENTY! SOMETHING WENT WRONG ALONG THE WAY, JESS! I'VE BEEN TAKEN FOR A FOOL!

IT WAS JUST THE BREAKS, FRANK! I THOUGHT I HAD THE NORTHFIELD JOB PLANNED SO **NOTHING** COULD GO WRONG — INSTEAD **EVERYTHING** WENT WRONG!



NO! NO! I DON'T MEAN JUST NORTHFIELD! I MEAN OUR WHOLE LIVES! IT COULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT!

YOU'RE WRONG! WE WERE FORCED INTO THIS KIND OF LIFE! WE HAD NO OTHER CHOICE!



I SAY WE *DID*! BUT, INSTEAD, YOU CHOSE THE ROAD THAT LED TO NORTHFIELD AND *DISASTER*! DON'T YOU REMEMBER THE TIME AT THE STATE FAIR WHEN BILLY RYAN WAS ARRESTED...?



WE TOOK OUR WIVES TO THE FAIR, BUT, UNDERNEATH, YOU AND I HAD A HIDDEN MOTIVE...

OH, LOOK AT ALL THIS! IT'S BREATHTAKING!

WONDERFUL!



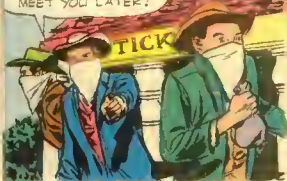
SO WHILE ZEE AND ANNE WERE HAVING A GOOD TIME, WE SLIPPED AWAY TO MEET BILLY RYAN... AND ROB THE TICKET OFFICE..."



"MINUTES LATER, AT THE TICKET OFFICE, UNSEEN BY ANYONE..."

GOOD WORK, BILLY! NOW GET TO YOUR HORSE FAST! WE'LL MEET YOU LATER!

OKAY, JESSE.



HELP! STOP THAT THIEF! HE JUST ROBBED THE TICKET OFFICE.

UH-OH!



"BUT AS RYAN FLED, HIS HORSE STUMBED..."



WOW, HE SURE HAD A PILE OF IT HERE!

DON'T TRY ANYTHING FUNNY, MISTER! THE SHERIFF'S ON HIS WAY!



"BILLY WAS BROUGHT TO TRIAL AND FOUND GUILTY. HE DIDN'T DARE TO TELL ON US, FOR FEAR WE WOULD GET REVENGE..."

THE COURT SENTENCES BILL RYAN TO 25 YEARS OF HARD LABOR! WE ALSO CONGRATULATE THE JURY FOR ITS COURAGE IN CONVICTING... FOR THE FIRST TIME... A MEMBER OF THE JAMES GANG!



"LATER, WE DEVISED A PLAN AND WAITED TO SEE THE ATTORNEY WHO SENT BILLY UP... SEE HIM IN PRIVATE..."

HERE HE COMES NOW!



WE WANT A WORD WITH YOU, MISTER!

AND WHO ARE YOU?



I'M JESSE JAMES! THIS IS MY BROTHER, FRANK! WE'LL MAKE A DEAL WITH YOU! WE'LL SURRENDER WILLINGLY IF YOU PROMISE WE'LL GET ONLY ONE YEAR IN JAIL!

WHY, THAT'S PREPOSTEROUS!



THE ONLY THING I CAN PROMISE YOU IS A LIGHTER TERM IF YOU SURRENDER! YOUR DAYS ARE ABOUT OVER, ANYWAY, WHETHER YOU WANT TO ADMIT IT OR NOT!



HE'S RIGHT, JESS! LET'S DO IT! GET THE WHOLE THING OFF OUR CHESTS!

NO! I'M NOT ROTTING IN ANY JAIL! IT'S ONE YEAR OR NOTHING!



HE'S GONE! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE NOW!

YES, LET'S RUN! LIKE WE'VE BEEN DOING FOR YEARS!



THEN THERE WAS ANOTHER TIME
WHEN WE HAD A CHOICE! THE TIME
WE RETURNED HOME FOR A VISIT
WITH MOM...



"WE WERE ALMOST THERE WHEN WE
HEARD AN EXPLOSION..."

THAT CAME FROM
THE HOUSE!

LET'S GET
OVER THERE!



THE DIRTY SKUNKS! THEY'VE
DYNAMITED THE HOUSE!

I RECOGNIZE ONE OF
THEM, FRANK! IT'S ASKEW.
ONE OF OUR NEIGHBORS!



MOM. MOM! WHERE
ARE YOU?



DAD! ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT?
WHERE'S MOM?

SHE-SHE'S ALL
RIGHT NOW, I THINK!
I'VE BANDAGED
HER — ARM...



MOM, IT'S ME, JESSE!
AND FRANK! WE'RE
GOING TO HELP YOU!

I DON'T
KNOW, JESSE;
I JUST DON'T
KNOW...



THEY...THEY WANTED YOU, JESSE,
AND FRANK... CALLED YOUR NAMES!
I TOLD THEM YOU WEREN'T HERE!
THEN THEY... THREW THE DYNAMITE...
IT-KILLED YOUR HALF-BROTHER
ARCHIE!



BUT WORD OF THAT ATTACK GOT AROUND.
THE STATE SENATOR HIMSELF BROUGHT
UP THE SUBJECT IN A SPECIAL
SESSION..."

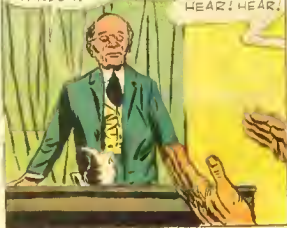


THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS! I THINK
THE JAMES BOYS AND THEIR
FAMILY HAVE BEEN PERSECUTED
ENOUGH FOR THEIR PART WITH
THE QUANTRILL RAIDERS...



THEREFORE, I HAVE PREPARED A
BILL WHICH, IF PASSED, WILL GIVE
THE JAMES BOYS A COMPLETE
PARDON!

HEAR! HEAR!

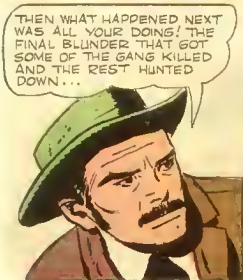


BUT EVEN THAT NEWS DIDN'T DETER
YOU, JESSE! YOU HAD TO GET
REVENGE..."

HOWDY,
MR. ASKEW!

WHY, JESSE! GLAD
TO SEE YOU!





FRANK AND I HAVE SCOUTED THE BANK IN NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA! IT'S LOADED WITH CASH! WE'LL BE RICH ENOUGH TO MAKE THIS OUR LAST JOB!



NORTHFIELD? WHY, THAT'S FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY MILES FROM HERE, JESSE! THE WHOLE COUNTRY-SIDE IS AGAINST US UP THERE! AT LEAST, AROUND HERE, WE HAVE SOME SYMPATHIZERS!

DON'T WORRY, COLE!



BILL STILES KNOWS THAT COUNTRY LIKE A BOOK— HE CAN SHOW US THE BEST TRAILS TO MAKE OUR ESCAPE... WELL, WHAT ABOUT IT? DO YOU WANT TO GET RICH AND RETIRE OR NOT?

SOUNDS OKAY TO ME!

WELL... ALL RIGHT! BUT I'M NOT CRAZY ABOUT THE IDEA!



FINALLY, THE WHOLE GANG AGREED AND GATHERED AROUND TO SEE THE PLANNING ON PAPER...

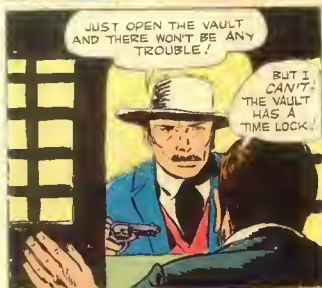
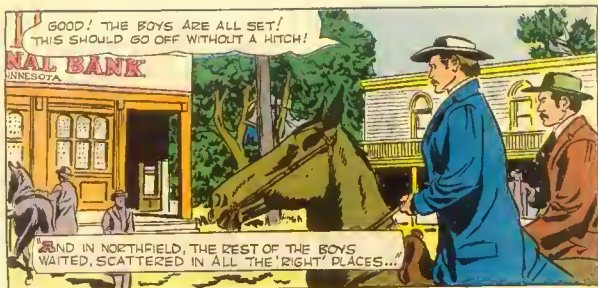
NOW I FIGURE BASSHAM WILL STAY OUTSIDE TOWN AND CUT THE TELEGRAPH WIRES AT THE SAME TIME WE HIT THE BANK!



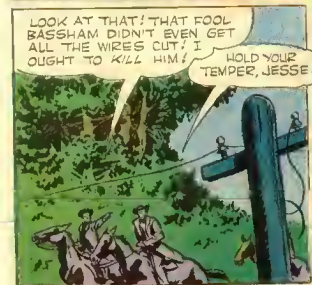
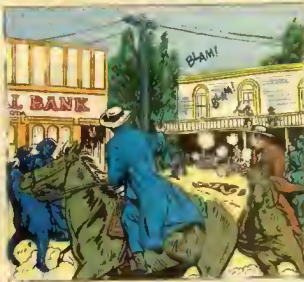
FEW DAYS LATER WE WERE ALL SET, AND RODE THE LONG WAY TO NORTHFIELD, THEN ENTERED IN TWOS AND THREES...

REMEMBER YOUR POSITIONS, BOYS! WE DON'T WANT TO LOOK SUSPICIOUS!









YES, SOMETIMES I THINK YOU
WANTED TO GET YOURSELF KILLED,
AND TAKE EVERYONE ELSE YOU
COULD ALONG WITH YOU!

THAT'S ENOUGH,
FRANK!



IT SURE IS ENOUGH! I'M GOING ON
BY MYSELF! I DON'T WANT
ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU, JESSE!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT
WITH ME!



WHAT HAPPENED, JESSE?
WHERE'S HE GOING? HUH?

SHUT UP,
BASSHAM!



FRANK HAD RIDDEN A SHORT
DISTANCE WHEN ...

A
SHOT!

BLAM!



MAYBE I'D BETTER
GO BACK...



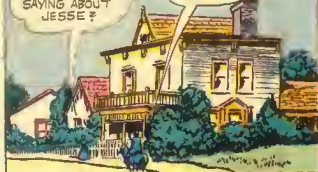
NO, IT DOESN'T MATTER
ANYMORE! IT JUST DOESN'T
MATTER!



DAYS LATER, FRANK REACHES
JESSE'S HOUSE IN ST. JOSEPH...

FRANK, YOU'RE
BACK! OH, IS IT
TRUE? IS IT TRUE
WHAT THEY'RE
SAYING ABOUT
JESSE?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND,
ZEE! WHAT **WHO'S** BEEN
SAYING ABOUT
JESSE?



LOOK! THE
NEWSPAPERS!

I- I'M SORRY, ZEE!
I SHOULD NEVER
HAVE LEFT HIM!



I GUESS I KNEW ALL THE TIME THAT
IT WOULD END THIS WAY, SOONER OR
LATER! I-I THINK I'LL GO TO SEE
HIS MOTHER, FRANK!

I'LL HELP
YOU GET READY,
ZEE!



THAT SAME NIGHT...

I'D BETTER HURRY IF I'M
GOING TO CATCH THAT
TRAIN! OH, WHAT'S THAT?



JESSE!

YES, IT'S
ME!



TAKE IT EASY
NOW, JESS!

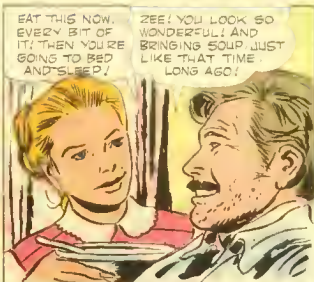
I'LL GET HIM
SOMETHING
TO EAT!





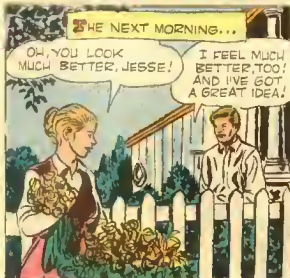
THE PAPERS SAY
YOUR BODY WAS
FOUND. WHAT
HAPPENED, JESS?

I'LL... I'LL TELL
YOU LATER,
FRANK! I'M SO
TIRED!



EAT THIS NOW.
EVERY BIT OF
IT! THEN YOU'RE
GOING TO BED
AND SLEEP!

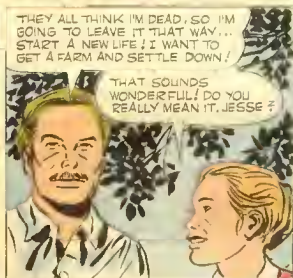
ZEE! YOU LOOK SO
WONDERFUL! AND
BRINGING SOUP! JUST
LIKE THAT TIME
LONG AGO!



THE NEXT MORNING...

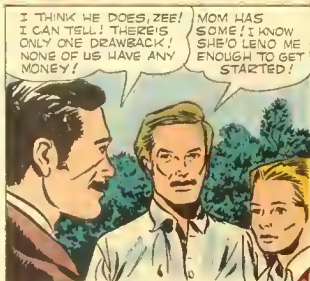
OH, YOU LOOK
MUCH BETTER, JESSE!

I FEEL MUCH
BETTER, TOO!
AND I'VE GOT
A GREAT IDEA!



THEY ALL THINK I'M DEAD, SO I'M
GOING TO LEAVE IT THAT WAY...
START A NEW LIFE! I WANT TO
GET A FARM AND SETTLE DOWN!

THAT SOUNDS
WONDERFUL! DO YOU
REALLY MEAN IT, JESSE?



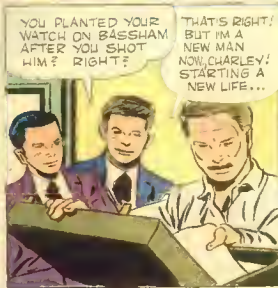
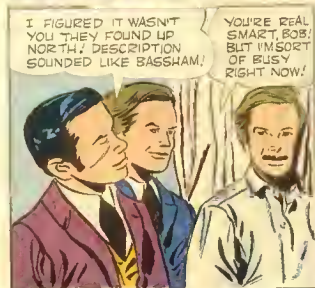
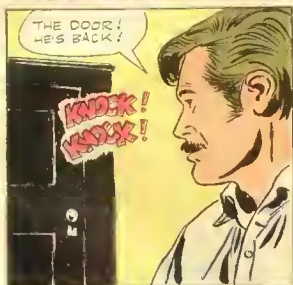
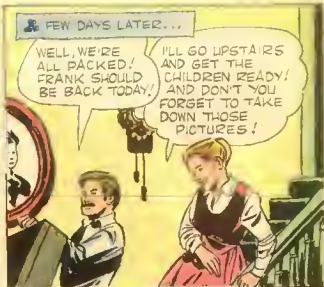
I THINK WE DOES, ZEE!
I CAN TELL! THERE'S
ONLY ONE DRAWBACK!
NONE OF US HAVE ANY
MONEY!

MOM HAS
SOME! I KNOW
SHE'D LEND ME
ENOUGH TO GET
STARTED!



I'LL RIDE TO SEE MOM WHILE
YOU TWO ARE GETTING PACKED!
SEE YOU IN A DAY OR TWO...
WITH SOME MONEY!

WE'LL ALL
BE READY!



AND TO PROVE IT,
I'M TAKING OFF
THESE GUNS FOR
GOOD! YOU CAN
HAVE THEM TO
REMEMBER ME BY!

NOW WE'LL NEVER
GET A CHANCE TO
RIDE WITH YOU,
JESSE! I ALWAYS
WANTED TO!



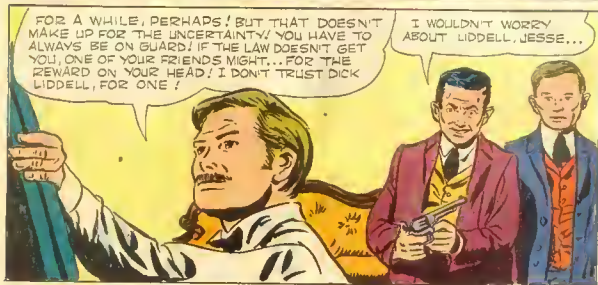
WELL, THANKS,
CHARLEY, BUT
TAKE MY ADVICE
AND STAY ON
THE RIGHT SIDE
OF THE LAW!

DON'T TELL ME YOU
DIDN'T ENJOY THE
EXCITEMENT OF THE
LIFE YOU'VE LED!



FOR A WHILE, PERHAPS! BUT THAT DOESN'T
MAKE UP FOR THE UNCERTAINTY! YOU HAVE TO
ALWAYS BE ON GUARD! IF THE LAW DOESN'T GET
YOU, ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS MIGHT... FOR THE
REWARD ON YOUR HEAD! I DON'T TRUST DICK
LIDDELL, FOR ONE!

I WOULDN'T WORRY
ABOUT LIDDELL, JESSE...



WE'LL NEVER GET
THE CHANCE!





I JUST SHOT JESSE JAMES!
ME BOB FORD! I SHOT HIM!



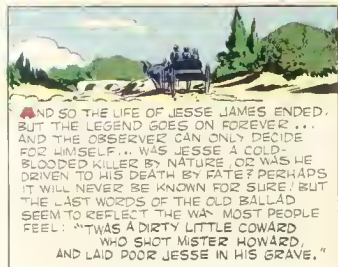
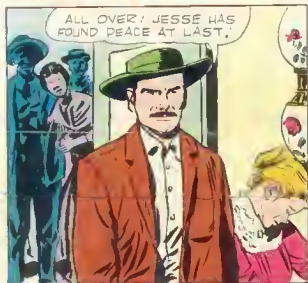
WHAT
HAPPENED?

I DON'T KNOW.
THAT'S MR. HOWARD'S
HOUSE!



SOMETHING'S GONE
WRONG! WHY IS
THAT CROWD AROUND
THE HOUSE?

EASY MOM.
WE'LL FIND OUT
IN A MINUTE!



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